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Group Art Unit: 1639

Title: Methods and Compositions for Producing Biopolymeric Arrays

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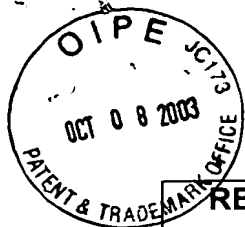
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	Examiner Name	My Chau T Tran
	Title	Methods and Compositions for Producing Biopolymeric Arrays

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office communication dated September 10, 2003.

In the above referenced office communication, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, requiring the election of the claims of either:

Group I, i.e., Claims 1-7;
Group II, i.e., Claim 17;
Group III, i.e., Claims 18-19;
Group IV, i.e., Claim 20;
Group V, i.e., Claims 21-23; or
Group VI, i.e., Claims 24-27;

for further prosecution in this application.

The Applicant hereby elects Group III with traverse.

The Applicant also respectfully urges the Examiner to rejoin the claims of at least Groups IV, V and VI with the elected claims of Group III for examination in this application for the following reasons.

The MPEP allows an Examiner to examine otherwise patentably distinct sets of claims if to so would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 8.03 states that:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present case, Claim 20 of Group IV is a species of the generic claims of elected Group III. Furthermore, the kit claims of Group V all include the claimed array of Group III, and the method claims of Group VI employ the elected arrays of Group

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